



Island County Public Health

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Food Vendor Farmers Market Permit Matrix

Farmer's Market Operating Options

The list below includes a general description of common food & beverages and is not an all-inclusive list and additional conditions may apply. Applications submitted for review are assessed when received to determine risk and applicable fees (if any) based on menu and food source list provided. Contact the Food Safety Program Office at (360) 678-8276 or at foodsafety@islandcountywa.gov for product specific questions.	Island County	Washington State Department of Agriculture		Federal or State	Exemptions That May Apply
	Temp Food Establishment Permit, recurring event	WSDA Food Processor License	WSDA Cottage Food License	Other	Notification or Documentation Required
Beverages (Iced Drinks, Juices, Smoothies, etc.) – Prepared on site	Low or medium risk, depending on menu				
Beverages – Non-TCS Commercially Packaged					Exempt by definition (Island County Food Code - 01115)
Candy & Frozen Confections	Exemption Permit				Exempt with Approval (Island County Food Code - 08305)
Coffee/Ciders (Served hot without direct contact)					Exempt by definition (Island County Food Code - 01115)
Canned Specialty Foods		X			WSDA
Cotton Candy	Exemption Permit				Exempt with Approval (Island County Food Code - 08305)
Dairy – Milk Products, Cheese, Butter	Low risk if prepackaged, Medium risk if open handling			X	WSDA or FDA licensed.
Dry Mixes (Soups, cookies, drinks, herbs & spices, etc.) – Packaged			X		Exempt with Approval (Island County Food Code - 08305)
Eggs - Commercial	Low Risk			X	WSDA or Processed under USDA inspection
Eggs – Farm Fresh	Low Risk			X	WSDA Egg Handler/Dealer
Fish	Low risk if prepackaged, Medium risk if open handling	X		X	WDFW , WSDA , or FDA License
Honey		X			WSDA if processed
Jams and Jellies		X	X	X	WSDA or FDA licensed.
Meats (Beef, Pork, Lamb) – Commercially Packaged	Low risk if prepackaged, Medium risk if open handling			X	Processed under USDA inspection
Non TCS foods – Commercially Packaged					Exempt by definition (Island County Food Code - 01115)
Non-TCS Foods - Open food handling or sampling	Sampling, Low, or Medium Risk, depending on menu				Nonprofit bake sale (Island County Food Code - 01115)



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Nursery Stock (Tomato, corn, & cabbage starts, etc.)				X	WSDA Nursery Dealer License
Nuts (Includes on site roasting and candy coating)	Exemption Permit				Exempt with Approval (Island County Food Code - 08305)
Popcorn	Exemption Permit				Exempt with Approval (Island County Food Code - 08305)
Poultry – Commercial	Low risk if prepackaged, Medium risk if open handling			X	Processed under USDA inspection
Poultry – Farm Fresh	Low risk if prepackaged, Medium risk if open handling			X	WSDA Special Poultry Permit
Produce – Fresh (i.e. Whole, Farm Cut non Ready to Eat)					Exempt by definition (Island County Food Code - 01115)
Produce – Processed (Ready to Eat Cut Leafy Greens, Tomatoes, or Melons, Salad Mixes, etc.)	Low risk if prepackaged, Medium risk if open handling	X			
Seafood/Shellfish	Low risk if prepackaged, Medium risk if open handling			X	WDFW or FDA License
Shaved Ice or Snow Cones	Exemption Permit				Exempt with Approval (Island County Food Code - 08305)
Spirits including Beer, Cider, Wine, etc.				X	WSLCB Farmers Market License

Partner Websites

Island County Food Code - <https://www.islandcountywa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1461/Island-County-Food-Code?bId=1>

FDA Retail Food Establishment Flow Chart - <https://www.fda.gov/files/food/published/Retail-Food-Establishment-Exemption-Flowchart.pdf>

USDA Inspection Programs - <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/inspection/inspection-programs>

Washington State Department of Agriculture Small Farm Fact Sheets - <https://agr.wa.gov/departments/business-and-marketing-support/smallfarm/the-greenbook/regulations-for-specific-products>

Washington State Department of Agriculture Licensing, Permits, And Certificates - <https://agr.wa.gov/services/licenses-permits-and-certificates>

Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife Licensing - <https://wdfw.wa.gov/licenses>

Washington State Food Worker Card - www.foodworkercard.wa.gov

Washington State Liquor Control Board - <https://lcb.wa.gov/licensing/special-licenses-and-permits/farmers-markets>



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